The FREEMASON

AND THE FEZ...

THE National Masonic Accident Association.

HOME OFFICE, DES MOINES IOWA.

Incorporated under Iowa Laws, composed of Masons only

Members in Division "A" are entitled to the following Benefits:

$5,000 in case of accidental death.
$25 per week for 52 weeks indemnity for loss of time.
Also benefits for loss of sight of one or both eyes, or loss of one or both hands or feet, and costs
Only $12 a year, payable $3 quarterly.

Members in Division "B" are entitled to

$5000 in case of Accidental Death.
$25 per week for **200 WEEKS** indemnity for loss of time.
$5 per week for 26 weeks for **PARTIAL DISABILITY.**
Also Benefits for loss of sight of one or both eyes, or loss of one or both hands or feet, and costs

Only $16 a year, payable $4 quarterly.

For further information, address the Home Office.

J. A. DOVERMAN, Sec'y,
Masonic Temple, Des Moines, Iowa.

OFFICERS.

R. L. CLARKE, President,
GEO. B. VAN SAUN, Vice-President,
J. A. DOVERMAN, Secretary.
ALF. WINGATE, Treasurer.
C. H. MYRICK, General Agent.

.... DIRECTORS ....

O. B. AYRES,
GEO. B. VAN SAUN
B. C. BOWMAN.
CLARK VARNUM,
R. L. CLARKE,
C. H. MYRICK.
CHAS. T. GRANGER,
ALF. WINGATE,
J. A. DOVERMAN.

MONARCH

IS THE KING OF
BICYCLES

"RIDE A MONARCH
AND KEEP IN FRONT"

$100.TO ALL ALIKE

MONARCH CYCLE MFG.CO.
CHICAGO, NEW YORK
SAN FRANCISCO, TORONTO.

Create enthusiasm, increase your membership and show people what jolly good fellows you are by giving a public entertainment of the new burlesque, entitled: The

Mystic Order of the Golden Fleece.

Latest, best and only big money maker. Any Lodge can "put it on." Send for sample pages giving full particulars. Address:

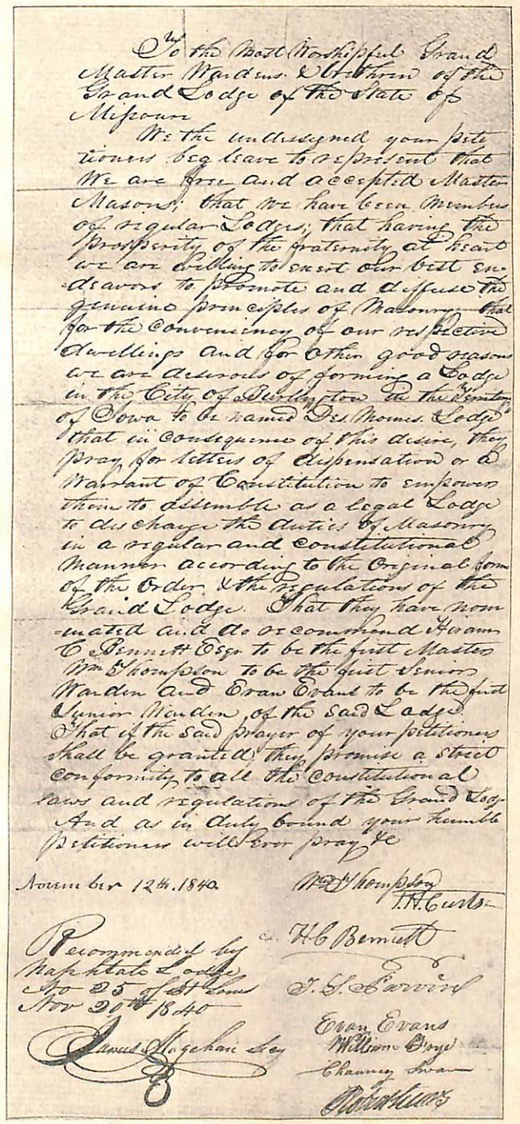
The PETTIBONE BROTHERS MANUFACTURING COMPANY. CINCINNATI, OHIO.

Lodge Supplies, Regalia, Paraphernalia Catalog Free.

The FREEMASON AND THE FEZ.

In the Interests of Freemasonry and the Concordant Orders of Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota.

VOLUME V. CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, JANUARY, 1897. NUMBER 1



To the Most Worshipful Grand Master Wardens & Brethren of the Grand Lodge of the State of Missouri

We the undersigned your petitioners beg leave to represent that We are Free and Accepted Master Masons, that We have been Members of regular Lodges, that having the Prosperity of the Fraternity at heart we are desirous to exert our best endeavors to promote and disseminate the genuine principles of Masonry, that for the Convenience of our respective dwellings and for other good reasons we are desirous of forming a Lodge in the City of Burlington in the County of Iowa to be named Des Moines Lodge, that in consequence of this desire, they pray for letters of dispensation or Warrant of Constitution to empower them to assemble as a legal Lodge to discharge the duties of Masonry in a regular and constitutional Manner according to the Original form of the Order & the regulations of the Grand Lodge. That they have nominated and do recommend Wm Pennock Esqr to be the first Master Mr Thompson to be the first Senior Warden and Evan Evans to be the first Junior Warden of the said Lodge. That if the said prayer of your petitioners shall be granted they promise a strict conformity to all the Constitutional laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge. And as in duty bound your humble Petitioners will ever pray &c

November 12th. 1840

Wm Pennock
Wm D Thompson
I.M. Custis
H.B. Bennett
J.S. Garrard
Evan Evans
William Boyd
Channey Swan
Thos Williams

Recommended by
Most Worshipful Grand Lodge
Nov 25 A.D. 1840
Nov 20th 1840
Samuel Hogehan Sec

PETITION FOR FIRST LODGE IN IOWA.
DATED BURLINGTON, NOV. 12, 1840.

PETITION FOR FIRST LODGE IN IOWA.

Dated Burlington, Nov. 12, 1840.

We present our readers this month with a copy of the first Masonic paper drawn in Iowa, and upon which the dispensation was issued November 21, 1840, for the first Iowa lodge. This petition was drawn by Brother William Thompson, named as first Senior Warden, who still lives at the age of eighty-four years, in Tacoma, Washington. The only other survivor of that and of the four old lodges of Iowa is the Grand Secretary (Brother Parvin) whose signature will be recognized as one of the eight.

This petition, with other rare original documents of the four old lodges in Iowa, was presented to the Grand Lodge of Iowa November 27, 1867, by George Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Missouri.

GENERAL NEWS.

Eminent Sir E. Kretchmer, of Bruce Commandery, Red Oak, Ia., sent out a beautiful invitation for the Christmas Greeting, held at 10:45 a. m., in their asylum.

Gil. Barnard, of Chicago, puts us in mind of his fine honest face by sending Christmas greetings with his portrait. Also notice of the Triennial Election of Oriental Consistory, S. R., for December 24, 1896.

We regretted our inability to attend the reception of Garden City Lodge 141, Chicago, Dec. 23, for which by the kindness of Brother Barnard, we had tickets.

We enjoyed the pleasure of attending the meeting and election of the Star Chapter, at Eldon, Ia., and in the evening giving a lecture on "The Moral and Social Standards of Freemasonry," in the opera house. As the guest of Rev. Mr. Miller and family we had a profitable time.

Temple Commandery No. 4, K. T., Des Moines, Iowa, observed Christmas Greetings at 10:30 a. m., in their Asylum. Thanks for invitation.

Eminent Sir Edwin Haney gave us a cordial invitation to attend a Red Cross Council December 18th. The State Officers' banquet prevented. His Commandery, Mt. Calvary No. 1, observed the Christmas Greetings as 10:45 a. m., Christmas day.

Our absence at Cherokee prevented our being with Waterloo Chapter 128, O. E. S., on Dec. 31, at their reception.

Grand Secretary Parvin recently took part in the beautiful "Lodge of Sorrow" service given annually by the Davenport Lodges.

Mecca Temple, N. M. S., still sets the pace of plain black letter notices, and it is both an advantageous and sensible rule. Wish we younger Temples could do the same.

El-Kahir Temple N. M. S. goes to Waterloo on January 26th, and all arrangements point to a good time. One and one-third fare—buy round trip tickets. Go early.

Western Star Lodge No. 100, of Clinton, Iowa, celebrated their fortieth anniversary Dec. 22d last, amid splendid oratory and rich viands. We wish we had room to give all the *Clinton Age* said about the pleasant affair.

"VENGEANCE IS MINE."

From the Great Light of Masonry we gathered in the years of childhood the inimitable doctrine not of non-combativeness but rather of "millions for defense but not one cent for revenge." In this life it may go hard with the unfortunate brother who, for his very truthful love of helping others may discover that his pearls have been cast before swine,—aye, they whom he saved from dishonor may turn and rend him—but we hold it sufficient for the vindication of time, and all good men, that those who know one's life day by day through the years, cannot mistake a calm self control for cowardice. Let those rage whose vehement lives have dragged them into unenviable notoriety, let the lips that peddle their own unblushing shame into the market place and the hungry ears that listen to their ravings, burn in the flames of their own kindlings; but let not true men forget that "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord." Oh, that all who have knelt at a Masonic altar could have learned the futility of the taking of a weapon in their hands that may, like the old "double bitted axe" split open their own heads. Beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath," for in the end it will burn him who seeks it; it will disgrace those who practice and it will destroy the lodge, the church and the community that encourages it.

OFFICERS INSTALLED.

The annual installation of officers of Davenport Chapter 178, O. E. S. was held last night at the Masonic temple. Mrs. M. B. Rathbun, of Clinton, Associate Worthy Grand Matron of Iowa, was present and presided over the ceremonies of installation. The beautiful forms and charges of the ritual were made doubly beautiful and impressive by the masterly way in which Mrs. Rathbun handled them. The Eastern Star is now entering upon the second year of its existence, and has every promise of a prosperous future. The following are the officers for the ensuing year:

W. M.—Mrs. W. H. Hender.
W. P.—Mrs. H. H. Ochs.
A. M.—Mrs. E. Williams.
Secretary—Miss Ella Duncan.
Treasurer—Mrs. John Hageboeck.
Cond.—Miss Alvina Nabstedt.
Asst. Cond.—Miss Hannah Nabstedt.
Ruth—Miss A. Farley.
Esther—Mrs. Henry Ochs.
Martha—Mrs. A. J. Foster.
Electa—Mrs. Amy Reimers.
Chaplain—Miss L. Rhodes.
Warder—Mrs. Bear.
Sentinel—Mr. John Hageboeck.
Marshal—Miss Fanny Young.

At the annual meeting of Trojan Lodge 548, Marion, Ia., the following officers were elected and installed Dec. 26:

W. M.—John Westley Geiger.
S. W.—P. M. Plumb.
J. W.—C. S. Berry.
Treasurer—Jos. B. Smalley.
Secretary—Henry Stearns.
S. D.—Hiram Robinson.
J. D.—Chas. E. Mitchell.
S. S.—O. M. Boyles.
J. S.—J. H. Lary.
Tyler— ——— Gates.
Finance Committee—F. H. Hilliard, E. I. Alderman.

Marion Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M., elected the following officers to serve the ensuing year:

W. M.—F. C. H. Schminke.
S. W.—S. N. Parsons.
J. W.—C. W. Dumont.
Treas.—C. H. Kurtz.
Secretary –Frank C. Bell.

The following officers were appointed by the new Worshipful Master:

S. D.—V. L. Zoller.
J. D.—Cornelius Bunting.
S. S.—A. W. Coquillette.
J. S.—J. N. North.
Tyler—T. P. Clogston.

Gerard Commandery of Perry, Ia., has installed the following efficient staff of officers for the ensuing year:

E. C.—T. J. Gilbert.
G.—John Law.
C. G.—L. Gill.
S. W.—O. F. Roddan.
J. W.—A. E. Willis.
P.—W. H. Chandler.
Treas.—Allen Breed.
Recorder—G. E. Bartholomew.
Standard Bearer—Frank Dodson.
Sword Bearer—H. H. Davis.
W.—J. Rolston.
Sentinel—F. L. Morgan.

The exercises were public. A banquet was served. A good time of course.

The committees of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, O. E. S., are headed as follows:

Credentials—Mrs. Letta S. Hanger, Des Moines.
Finance—James Rule, Mason City.
Unfinished Business—Mrs. Nettie Hilliard, Marion.
Jurisprudence—Judge Winslow, Newton.
Ap. and Grievance—Judge N. B. Hyatt, Webster City.
Dispensations—Mrs. Sarah Woods, Mt. Pleasant.
Chartered Chapters—Mrs. Libbie Wilson, Oelwein.
Addresses—Mrs. Mary Allen, Harlan.
Mileage—G. H. Jackson, Council Bluffs.
Fraternal Correspondence—Mrs. Kate C. Brechner, Waterloo.

Ivanhoe Commandery No. 17 K. T., elected the following officers:

E. C.—Geo. W. Lipe.
G.—Victor Jennings.
C. G.—Irving M. Treynor.
Prelate—L. P. McDonald.
Treas.—John B. Atkins.
Recorder—Andrew McMillen.
S. W.—Chas. Konigmacher.
J. W.—John W. Palmer.
Standard Bearer—Will C. Eslep.
Sword Bearer—M. Duquette.
Warder—Julian C. Mitchell.
Sentinel—S. S. Nash.

Harmony Chapter No. 25, O. E. S., elected the following officers.

W. M.—Barbara Tucker.
W. P.—Wm. A. Highsmith.
A. M.—Mrs. W. S. Wilkins.
Cond.—Mrs. Geo. Rudio.
Asst. Cond.—Miss Maggie McMillen.
Treasurer—Mrs. Hall.
Secretary—Miss Emma Potter.

The appointed officers have not been named yet.

Star Chapter No. 47, R. A. M., elected the following officers:

M. E. H. P.—Chas. E. Walters.
E. K.—Irving M. Treynor,
E. S.—Andrew McMillen.
Treasurer—M. Duquette.
Sec'y.—John B. Atkins.
C. of H.—Chas. Konigmacher.
P. S.—Sam. Payne.
R. A. C.—Will C. Estep.
G. M. of First V.—Peter Jensen.
G. M. of Second V.—Sam. S. Fase.
G. M. of Third V.—Tom. H. Evans.
Sentinel—S. S. Nash.

Excelsior Lodge No. 259 R. A. M., elected the following officers:

W. M.—Andrew McMillen.
S. W.—Sam. Payne.
J. W.—Sherman E. Spoor.
Treas.—John Skinkle.
Sec'y.—Nat. Shepard.
S. D.—Mark H. Sears.
J. D.—Fred. H. Brownlee.
S. S.—Chas. Copley.
J. S.—Chas. Looman.
Tyler—Jas. McMillen.

Bluff City Lodge 71, A. F. & A. M.

W. M.—H. W. Binder.
S. W.—I. M. Traynor.
J. W.—J. C. Waterman.
Treasurer—M. Duquette.
Secretary—J. B. Atkins.
S. D.—J. T. Pugh.
J. D.—P. Jensen.
S. S.—Ovide Vein.
J. S.—Fritz Bernhardi.
Tyler—S. S. Nash.

A CUBAN ABROAD.

While in Omaha recently our friend Lew Raber, the printer in the N. Y. Life building, asked advice about a Cuban Refugee who had ordered a lot of "Masonic Blank Receipts" printed. The gentleman wanted a half dozen proofs sent to his hotel, when, if satisfactory, he would pay for 10,000. Let the craft about Omaha be sure he is all right or they may be caught asleep.

LOOK OUT

For J. R. Ripley, alias John T. Castleman, claiming to be a member of Chetopa Lodge 78, Chetopa, Kansas. Last heard of in Northern Illinois.

We want Agents in every Masonic community. Best commiss'on paid. Send for sample copies.

OUR BOOK TABLE.

This issue, we are in receipt of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter O. E. S., of Iowa, held October 28-29, 1896. The lateness is in no wise the fault of the Grand Secretary, but several committeemen and some Grand officers took home the documents and needlessly delayed the work. The contents are neatly arranged and the work well done. The portraits of the Grand and Past Grand officers add to its value.

"A Woman's Evangel," by Eva Kinney Griffith (Miller). The book is a thrilling and helpful temperance romance, full of trying and instructive circumstances, and from first to last one of the best novels we have read in a long while. To add to the pleasure of reading the fine story we have the pleasure to have met the author in the cosy Congregational parsonage at Eldon, Iowa. She is an ordained minister, and (with her husband, Rev. S. A. Miller) does a noble work. Mrs. Miller is a splendid specimen of the high-minded, genial, gentle, American woman, and we wish for her book a place in every library. Price $1.25, 12 mo., cloth, 296 pages. Woman's Temperance Publishing Company Association, Chicago, Ill.

The Pope Manufacturing Company have placed us under obligations for one of their Columbia calendars for 1897. One feature of the calendar is its neat stand, so arranged that the block can either be used upon the desk or hung upon the wall.

The calendar can be obtained for five two-cent stamps by addressing the Calendar Department of the Pope Manufacturing Company at Hartford, Conn.

We are in receipt of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapters O. E. S. of Nebraska, South Dakota and Indian Territory, for 1896. Both are well made up and of interest to the reader.

The Midland Monthly continues to improve with each month. Its January number is in advance of all predecessors, and is crowded with rich and interesting material. "The truth about 'Ben Bolt'" and its author, and "Grant's life in the West" are the leading articles. Vol. 7 begins with this number. $1.50 a year. Johnson, Brigham, Publishers, Des Moines, Iowa.

Proceedings, From Gil. Barnard, Grand Commandery, Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Illinois, 1896. From Ed. C. Parmlee, Proceedings of Grand Lodge of Colorado, 1896.

"Sahara" is missing. Can any parsee follower of the Princes of Iran tell us what has become of the monthly organ of their Order. Search the "Anheuser Busch" for it, I fear some accident may have befallen the editor and he "shand" be lost sight of if a Shriner can find him. Ho! there, Sahara, where are you at?

GRAND CUSTODIAN'S LETTER.

We aim to keep standing the regular appointments of the Grand Custodian, Brother Geo. B. Van Saun, and we shall have his corrections each month.

Cedar Falls, Ia., Jan. 4, 1897.

Dear Brother Geiger:

On Saturday night, Dec. 12, in order to make other engagements, I was obliged to leave Anita, Cass Co., for home at 10 o'clock p. m., riding on the cars all night, by which means I took a severe cold. However, I made my engagement at Fredericksburg on Tuesday, Dec. 15th, in the meantime I took an additional cold, which became settled all over my body, and by the advice of Brother Dr. Pitts, at that place, I returned home on Dec. 16th, being threatened with pneumonia. I was obliged to cancel my engagement at Strawberry Point on Dec. 17th and 18th. I remained at home until Dec. 25th, then filled engagement at Steamboat Rock Dec. 25th and 26th, and at LeGrand Dec. 28th and 29th. To-night I start for a trip to the north-western part of the state, which will be set forth in the list of appointments following, viz:

Odebolt—Jan. 5th, 6th and 7th.
Wall Lake—Jan. 8th and 9th.
Alton—Jan. 11th and 12th.
Paullina—Jan. 13th and 14th.
Primghar—Jan. 15th and 16th.

My appointments for the future are as follows:

Grinnell—Jan. 19th and 20th.
Dallas Center—Jan. 21st and 22d.
Humeston—Jan. 26th and 27th.
Clarinda—Jan. 28th, 29th and 30th.
Orient—Feb. 1st and 2d.
Red Oak—Feb. 3d and 4th.
Farragut—Feb. 5th and 6th.
Estherville—Feb. 8th and 9th.
Sibley—Feb. 10th and 11th.
Hartley—Feb. 12th and 13th.
Milford—Feb. 15th and 16th.
Spencer—Feb. 17th, 18th and 19th.
Lone Tree—Feb. 24th and 25th.
Kalona—Feb. 26th and 27th.
Keota—March 1st and 2d.
Hedrick—March 3d.
Iowa City—March 4th and 5th.
Fredericksburg—March 9th.
Strawberry Point—March 10th and 11th.
Maynard—March 12th and 13th.
Elgin—March 15th and 16th.
New Hartford—March 19th and 20th.
Williams—March 23d and 24th.
Sheldon—March 25th, 26th and 27th.

The dates given to some of the places may have to be changed or other places substituted.

I have the following places on my list of calls still to be placed as to definite dates, viz: Lime Springs, Adair, Maxwell, Spring Hill, Dunlap, Hampton and Traer. From the lists given above you will readily see that my time will be fully taken up to complete my engagements before spring opens up fully. If health and strength holds out as I hope they may, I want to fill every call made for me.

With the compliments of the season to yourself and the craft throughout the state in general, I am as ever,

Fraternally yours,
Geo. B. Van Saun,
Visiting Custodian.

AMONG THE TEMPLES.

Ex-Recorder Worden sends the list of newly elected officers in Moila Temple of St. Jo., Mo. as follows:

Charles A. Batson, Ill. Potentate.
William L. Buechle, C. R.
Emanuel F. Hartzell, A. R.
William R. Womach, H. P. and P.
Gideon G. Brinton, O. G.
Dr. John M. Austin, Treasurer.
William S. Fowles, Recorder.
Donald Campbell, 1st, Cer. M.
Charles B. Worley, 2d Cer. M.
Arling M. Worden, Director.
Alva P. Clayton, Marshal.
John W. Gibson, 1st Alchemist.
John D. Flint, 2d Alchemist.
Willard Case, C. G.
Horatio N. Turner, O. G.

Olin E. Vandeventer and George Calder, Representatives to Imperial Council. The officers were installed by Past Potentate Olin E. Vandeventer, assisted by Noble Albert J. Brunswig, as Grand Marshal.

"Billy" Melish of Syrian Temple, is nowhere if he is not "in it" and from the florid report we get of the occasion of his FIETEENTH election as Potentate of Syrian, on Dec. 18, it looks as though the country member was not looking for his scalp as was threatened out here, but he went in by *unanimous* vote—Good for Past Grand and Past Imperial William the only. We note a change of Recorders, John H. Dunholten taking the place of Ed. C. Harding, who refused re-election, having no time to attend to the work. He's had it fourteen years. We wish we had room for the whole "Reveled in Mirth and Merriment" but the cut of space has come and for a while we must disappoint our desire to notice all that comes.

Recorder Wettling, we think, takes the tom tom, for the neat thing in odd colors for his notice for Tangiers meeting of Nov. 27. We guess that the portrait is that of Noble Rose, minus moustache.

Speaking of Tangier we owe them thanks for their hearty co-operation with Ak-Sar-Ben in that opera house service. We owe like praise to the Omaha Elks. Omaha is a good town anyhow.

Beautiful Charity—how the poor of many cities and thousands of homes must bless the mysterious, royal, jovial wearers of the "fez" who dispensed bountifully during the festive holidays. Allah, bless the poor!

The California Nobles went within forty miles of Asia—to Alaska recently. Did they initiate a class in Sitka? Whale oil! wait till Charlie Field tells how he slid down the Muir Glacier.

One of the most noted patrons of the order is the present Khedive of Egypt. Its membership in all countries includes Christians, Israelities and Mohammedans, men in high positions of learning and of power. Lodge Record—Dontcher see?

We are always sorry to hear of the downfall of any man and when misfortune overtakes him we would rather lend to the meanest than "avenge ourselves"—that's our feeling when we read the item in the *Tyler* on the Wayland, Trask & Co., failure. In some of these "burst ups" the patrons of the Co's are the most to blame for encouraging the speculations that drown the bank and damn the banker.

TANGIER.

We were so fortunate as to get a copy of the excellent address and the officers' reports of Tangier Temple, N. M. S. for 1896. Prosperity has attended the reign of Noble Hardy.

The membership is 696 as against 658 last year. The total receipts for the year including a balance of $615.30 over from 1895, were $1,878.30 and the disbursements were $1,858.95.

The Temple had up the question of $3 dues for Omahan's, Douglas and Sarpey counties, Neb., and Pottawattamie Nobles, and $1 for those beyond. A good thing. Dues unpaid at the close of the current year become delinquent and suspension follows if not paid before the fourth Friday in April following.

Business is business boys, step up and pay up, then whoop 'em up.

THE FREEMASON AND THE FEZ.

Published Monthly

In the interest of Freemasonry in Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, the concordant Orders, and the Mystic Shrine in North America.

JOHN WESTLEY GEIGER, K. T., 32°, EDITOR,
P. O. Drawer E, Marion, Iowa, for all business and exchanges.

Entered in the postoffice at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, as second class mail matter.

TERMS:—$1.00 per year. Single copies 10 cents. Subscribers failing to receive any number will please notify us by postal card at once.

DISCONTINUANCES:—Subscribers wishing this magazine stopped at the expiration of their subscription, will please notify us, otherwise we will consider it their desire to continue.

DATE FOR COPY:—To insure notice in the current Number, all copy must reach the Editor by the 10th of the month at latest. Postal card notices of current news from all bodies are desired.

HOW TO REMIT:—Send all remittances by some safe method; receipts will be forwarded by return mail.

Address all correspondence to
JOHN WESTLEY GEIGER, Editor.
Drawer E, Marion, Iowa.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, JANUARY, 1897.

GRAND GATHERINGS.

GRAND LODGES MEET.

Iowa, Boone, June 2, 1897.

GEO. W. BALL.....Iowa City.....GRAND MASTER
T. S. Parvin.....Cedar Rapids.....Grand Secretary

Nebraska, Lincoln, June 16, 1897.
HENRY H. WILSON....Lincoln.....GRAND MASTER
Wm. R. Bowen.....Omaha.....Grand Secretary

South Dakota, ———, 1897.
F. H. FILES.....Sioux Falls.....GRAND MASTER
Geo. A. Pettigrew.....Flandreau.....Grand Secretary

CONVOCATIONS, R. A. M.

General Grand (U. S.) Baltimore, Md., Oct. 12, 1897.
Iowa, Spirit Lake, July 22, 1897.
MAX. BEEHLER....Manchester..GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Secretary

Nebraska, Omaha, Dec. 17, 1897.
.....GRAND HIGH PRIEST
George J. Spohn.....Grand Secretary

South Dakota, 1897.
.....GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Geo. A. Pettigrew.....Flandreau.....Grand Secretary

CONCLAVES K. T.

Grand Encampment, Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 1898.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 12, 1897.
T. R. ERCANBRACK...Anamosa..GRAND COMMANDER
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Recorder

Nebraska, Lincoln, April 29, 1897.
.....GRAND COMMANDER
Wm. R. Bowen.....Omaha.....Grand Recorder

South Dakota, 1897.
.....GRAND COMMANDER
Geo. A. Pettigrew.....Flandreau.....Grand Recorder

GRAND CHAPTERS O. E. S.

General Grand (U. S.,) 1898.
Iowa, Cherokee, Oct. 27, 1897.
MRS. DELIA B. MEREDITH..Newton..GRAND MATRON
John Westley Geiger.....Marion.....Grand Patron
Mrs. Maria Jackson...Council Bluffs.....Grand Recorder

Nebraska, Omaha, June 22, 1897.
MRS. HELEN H. STIRES..Columbus..GRAND MATRON
Rev. A. G. Pinkham....Grand Island.....Grand Patron
Dr. Eleanor Dailey.....Omaha.....Grand Secretary

South Dakota, Sioux Falls, May 25, 1897.
MRS. W. H. RODDLE..Brookings.....GRAND MATRON
M. G. Carlisle.....De Smet.....Grand Patron
Mrs. A. M. McCallister..Madison.....Grand Secretary

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

Imperial Council, Detroit, Mich., June 8-9, 1897.
El-Kahir Temple, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
AUSTIN D. BROWN....Manchester.....POTENTATE
John Westley Geiger.....Marion.....Recorder

Kaaba Temple, Davenport, Iowa.
GEO. F. WHITE.....Davenport.....POTENTATE
C. J. Brown.....Davenport.....Recorder

Tangier Temple, Omaha, Nebraska.
H. HARDY.....Omaha.....POTENTATE
Louis E. Wettling.....Box 523, Omaha.....Recorder

Sesostres Temple, Lincoln, Nebraska.
GEO. H. SIMMONS.....Lincoln.....POTENTATE
Frank M. Glenn.....(D. 21523) Lincoln.....Recorder

El-Riad Temple, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
A. B. KITTEREDGE..Sioux Falls.....POTENTATE
Eugene Saenger.....Sioux Falls.....Recorder

EDITORIAL NOTES.

GOOD IN MASONRY.

[Seen in Allen Brothers' business house, Omaha, Neb.]

Pluck wins!
It always wins—though days be slow,
And nights be dark 'twixt days that come and go.
Still, pluck will win; Its average is sure.
He gains the prize who can the most endure,
Who faces issues,
He who never shirks, who waits and watches,
And who always works.

We want agents in every Masonic community. Best commission paid. Send for sample copies.

The space heretofore taken up by department heads will give us a page of reading matter to each issue. Worth saving.

Just as we are minded to start out as a *weekly*, lo, the *American Tyler* drops *up* to a semi-monthly. Why is this thus?

Do our readers know that all our advertisers are Masons, and as such deserve their patronage. If the religionists and pharisees put it that way why not we?

If a National Grand Lodge will give us uniformity of regulations, and after it gets its head into the tent will put a uniform on the work that will fit all round, we'll vote for it. There, now!

Now, if Brother Greenleaf can only induce the Rev. J. H. Amacker, of Arkansas, to convince Brother Jacob Norton of the *proofs* of his "concise Masonic History," we will be ready for a Masonic millenium! Alas, the romance is so fragile that only the most poetic can even imagine it possible.

TO OUR EXCHANGES.

We would call attention to the fact that the address of the editor is Marion, Iowa, street-car distant from the office of publication, and will all our exchanges correct the address of their journals accordingly. There is no change in the management, but merely a request for convenience.

With the answer of *The Trestle Board* before us, to our item on the clause of $1,748.30 expended upon Iowa Masons in distress by the San Erancisco Board of Relief, we wish to disown any opinion that the Board had not made proper inquiry, or that we disagree with the principles held forth by our contemporary. We blush with shame for every Iowa Lodge in whose treasury there was a dollar for charity, if they refused (as some evidently must have done) to reimburse the Board to the uttermost farthing. Masonic benevolence is after all but imperfectly adapted to the profession of universality so much boasted of by us all. Why not give the lodges in the case, Brother *Trestle Board?* It may stir us up, but we Hawkeyes are trying to do the square thing in the square way, and if it will help some let it come!

With this number we begin the fifth volume of this journal, and we again change its form. The reason for this is that we have been putting a couple of hundred a year in on style, while the amount of reading matter was no greater than we now give. We are compelled to economise as it is costing us personally, all the time and labor given, and while willing, we can't do it always. Then we want this proposition to meet the eyes of each grand officer, and member of Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, and of the Mystic Shrine. Whenever the patronage of either will justify we will give a department and an increase of space to each. We don't want it for nothing, either. We will pay as high commission as is allowed any canvasser, for agents who will work. Now, let's hear from the open field.

We change our standing list of Grand Officers from Iowa alone to include Nebraska and South Dakota.

We want Agents in every Masonic community. Best commission paid. Send for sample copies.

THE RAILROADS.

B., C. R. & N. R'y

THE CEDAR RAPIDS ROUTE

DIRECT LINE TO

Chicago,
St. Louis,
Minneapolis,
Des Moines, St. Paul,
Omaha,
Denver,
Kansas City,

AND ALL POINTS IN

Texas, Oklahoma and California.

Call on B., C. R. & N. Agents for information, or address

J. MORTON, G. T. & P. A.,
Cedar Rapids, Ia

CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE & ST. PAUL R'Y

Owns and operates 6,154 miles of thoroughly equipped road.

FIRST-CLASS IN EVERY RESPECT

It traverses the best sections of the States of

Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

For further information, address

GEO. H. HEAFFORD,
General Passenger Agent, CHICAGO, ILL.

There's Two Excuses

in a man's paying a humdred dollars for a typewriter—he's either got money to burn, or has never seen the Blickensderfer No. 5. You cannot buy $100 worth in any typewriter.

The machine isn't made that is worth that much. You can buy $35.00 worth. Now what becomes of the $65.00 you waste?

Determine that to suit yourself. Just keep these points in mind.

The Basic patents on typewriters have expired. The government has protected the inventor for the full limit of time.

Now anyone has the right to make type-writers. The big difference in the price lies in their way of selling them.

To our certain knowledge one factory boasts that it costs them $15 apiece for every machine they sell—advertising it.

Then there's the jobber—the style he lives in costs you twenty to twenty-five dollars. And the local dealer—it takes as much more to satisfy him.

Do you wonder at the extra $65.00. Aside from the small commission the factory allows us, the profit is all yours—not a soul between you and the makers but us.

Wednesday next ends the first six months of our connection with the Blickensderfer typewriter. Forty-two sales—and to some of the largest establishments in the city, stand to our credit. We vowed we'd sell 100 machines the first year. We lack eight of making our promise one-half good. We'd get them quick enough, if you could see what we're talking about.

The Blickensderfer No. 5 does anything and everything any $100 machine does—just as well, just as fast. A two-handed machine—has 28 keys and 84 characters; copies and manifolds perfectly. Costs $35.00.

HARGER & BLISH, State Agents.

Cor. 9th and Main, Dubuque, Iowa.
Sep-6-t

SECOND EDITION

Female Masonry a la Lease

A take off on Woman's attempts at Masonry.

Revised and Enlarged, Gay, Comial and Catching
Single Copies 50 cents; three copies $1.00.

Liberal terms to dealers. By Mrs. Maria Jackson, Grand Secretary, O. E. S., Council Bluffs, Ia.

El Kahir

Cedar Rapids Iowa.

McGregor & Sailor,

Distributing Agents.

This TRADE MARK insures
LOW PRICES ∴ ∴ BEST GOODS
UNLIMITED FACILITIES

SECRET SOCIETY, MILITARY — SEMI-MILITARY OUTFITTERS

WM. H. HORSTMANN COMPANY
TRADE MARK
PHILADELPHIA

Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery, Consistory, Eastern Star and Mystic Shrine
Catalogues sent on application
Correspondence solicited

New England Office No. 7 Temple Place, Boston, Mass

THE M. C. LILLEY & CO.
COLUMBUS, OHIO.
MANUFACTURERS OF
G
MASONIC GOODS
K. T. UNIFORMS
SC. RITE SUPPLIES
REGALIA & MILITARY SUPPLIES

The 1896
SEARCH LIGHT

IS A MARVEL.
Has a Rigid Bracket.
Will not Jar Out.

Its other exclusive features are: A double grip which attaches to either post or fork—a packed reservoir for either kerosene or naphtha: protected surfaces that cannot tarnish—and a powerful lens. Used by and a great favorite with

CYCLISTS, CANOEISTS, BOAT CLUBS AND CAMPERS.

Equally Effective on Carriage Dashboards. Delivered free for Price $5.00.

BRIDGEPORT BRASS CO.
Bridgeport, Conn.

or 19 Murray St., N. Y.
85-87 Pearl St., Boston.
17 No. 7th St., Phila.
Send for Circular No. 88

IOWA
MOC
VINCES

OFFICIAL JEWEL For wives and daughters of Knights Templar of Iowa. Made by

FRANK LE BRON,

404 Main St., Keokuk, Iowa. Send for Price List.

STEREOPTICONS
SLIDES

MASONS ILLUSTRATE THE RITUAL

WRITE FOR CATALOGUE

McIntosh Battery & Optical Co.
CHICAGO

Short Time Offer.

We want to begin the next half year—July, 1897, as a SEMI-MONTHLY if not a WEEKLY JOURNAL. We must have ONE THOUSAND new subscribers inside of SIXTY DAYS at

SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS A YEAR.

Old Subscribers can avail themselves of this rate by paying up arrearages and adding 75 cents for the current year. **Agents Wanted to Raise Clubs.** Address

JNO. WESTLEY GEIGER, Drawer E, Marion, Iowa.

EASTER SUNDAY IS COMING.

The New Knights Templars Easter Service is Ready.

ARRANGED BY

JOHN WESTLEY GEIGER,

GRAND PRELATE OF IOWA.

This Service is arranged for the use of all in the Congregation. Send for Sample Copies, Free. Price $1.25 per hundred. Postage paid.

Address THE MASONIC PUBLISHING CO., 206 First Ave., Cedar Rapids, Iowa,
Or ADALINE R. GEIGER, Marion, Iowa.

EQUITABLE

Mutual Life Association

OF WATERLOO, IOWA.

ORGANIZED 1881. UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF MASONS.

WITH WHICH HAS BEEN UNITED THE

Canton Masonic Mutual Benevolent Society,

Of Canton. Illinois, AND THE

Iowa Masons' Benevolent Society of Oskaloosa Iowa.

MAKES A BUSINESS of insuring Masons, Knights Templars and Shriners. Also all others desiring Life Insurance, including Women. Issues 10 DIFFERENT FORMS OF POLICIES, including Whole Life, Probable Life, Term Renewable, Joint Life, 10 Year Term Surrender and 10, 15 and 20 Year Paid up Policies. A. No.1. Contracts made with experienced insurance men or women—for unoccupied territory. For terms and rates address

GEO. W. HARBIN, President. WATERLOO, IOWA. F. H. LORING, Secretary

---

Frank S. Armstrong & Co.,

MANUFACTURERS OF

The Celebrated Armstrong Uniform,

Society Goods, Flags, Banners, Badges, Etc.

His[illegible]t Costumes Our Specialty.

REMOVED TO 64 AND 66 WABASH AVENUE.

FEZES A SPECIALTY. - - Chicago, Ill.